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File No. 468267-00067

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* application of:

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Nucleic Acids*

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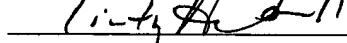
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of two (2) months is hereby requested in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004. The requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 of \$450.00 is enclosed. While no further fees are currently believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (File No. 468267-00067; Docket No. A-64411-2).

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